

A Confederate Officer's Description of Hanover County

ABOUT TO ENTER BATTLE

The Dillard Family; a Member of it Gives His Impressions of Soldler Life. Anacdotes and Rominiscences. Personals, Etc., Etc.

upon the subject of Confederate war, one is more interesting than copies of letters written from the camps by omor soldiers and sent to their miends at home. The following letter was writen ginning of the Seven Day's Battle, and eral Loc's movements against McClellan on the Chickahominy, The writer is now a resident of Meridian, Tex., and the sister to whom he wrote is now Mrs. Lucy Dillard Pannell, of North Carolina. The toxt of the lotter shows that the writer is of Virginian descent, and trat his command was an organization of Confederate "regulars. The Oaks, from which he writes, is a well known place in the vicinity of Hanover Courthouse. We quote:

e; The Oaks, Hanover county, Va., June 13, 1862,

The Oaks, Hnnover county, Va.,
June 13, 1862,
Miss Lucy Dillard, Leaksyllle, Rockingham county, N. C.;
My Dear Sister.—Your letter to me, direbted in care of the Secretary of War
nt Richmond, reached me at Wineheater,
I am sorry that you are so much dissatisfied at being out off from home by
the break in traveling facilities, but I
am sure you will feel yourself fortunate
when you remember that the whole
-Missiestppl Valley is in a blaze of war,
while you are far removed from the
fighting lines and all the vengeful practices of an invading soildery.
We have been on a forced march since
the Tith of May, at which time we left
the Valley of Virginia. In this short per
riod we have compassed about 400 miles,
and have just purked our guns and gene
into carm. How sweet and restful the re-

be interpreted outside the horrors

which now scourges the land. What a relief it is to get away from unpleasant facts and get backwards into the realms of childhood, where all size is forgotten but the sweet memories of homo life. But in the very midst of these reverles comothing is forever dartling us into a consciousness that the country is ablaze,

On my way up from Newbern Point, N. C., to the Virginia Valley by the way of Charlottesville, I could not forego the pleasure of visiting my old Alma saater, the University of Virginia. This was by no means an unalloyed pleasure, for the imp of desolution had stalked over these grounds, and the heel of war had tradical backly cover the searches.

because certain sequents always follow

Where and when our next dash at the enemy will come nony can tell, but this is certain—when it does come, and under the leadership of Stonewall Jackson, none of us will be in doubt us to the result. The same brilliant dash and masterly strategy that has made him a terror to the Yankees and an idol to Confederates the Yankees and an idol to Contenerates will be displayed again. There is but one possibility for a failure, Jackson may be hampered under a superior commander and with none of those chances which a "free hand" in the Virginia Val-

Eldina mel may at any memont- become happy bonne, nothing now remains but a happy bonne, nothing now remains but disapped to the provided design the processes of war left us any of those refined cental-billies that reach out in sympathy for corrows and despest commanders a would be excited for the horndess children, the brivken-hastred, peanlies women and the broken-hastred, peanlies women and the broken-hastred, peanlies women and the frame of the property of the property

tion is to refer all to the verdict of the sword. How it is to terminate God only knows, but whatever may be the outcome the United States government must atand up before the judgment bar of nations and receive the verdict of outraged humanity. Here is a sample of the malevolent spirit that animates our enemies.

A INLUTAL ORDISH.

A straggler has just placed in my hands an order which eminated from the War Department at Washington city. It was ploked up at a deserted Yankee camp, from which the blue costs precipitately fied on the approach of Jeb Stuart. For cold-blooded barbarity this order has no equal among the flendish decree of an Atilia, a Herod or a Timour, and reads; "The cavalry officer in command, as soon as McClelland advances upon the rebel capital will get on the south side of the James River and prevent all escape from Richmond. When this den of perdition is captured and Jeff Davis and his so-called Cabinet are captured see that they are fromed and placed four tiers deep in the smallest room of their basilie (Libby Prison)."

What a monstresity Stanton must be. The only way to account for his bestial instincts is to suppose that one of the buillocks of that biblical herd that ran heading into the sea, must have escaped and that this maddened demon must be one of the bucile progeny.

How all these cruet wrongs, burn into

business I must know nothing else. But some how I cannot feel that this butch-

business I must know nothing cise. But some how I cannot feel that this butchery is a business.

THE WIFE AT HOME.

My needle turns to the Mississippi Valley, to the little woman who wom my lieart in boyhood and kept the fotters on me until our livos were welded into one. Lizzle and our little Mary Hunt are virtually inside the Fedoral lines, and may be subjected to unspeakable degredations at the hands of Yankee soldlery. This thought chills my enthusiasm as a soldier and makes me long to be close enough to shield them or have them, like yourselt, in a place of absolute security. I started Austin home a month ago to see after his Miss Lizzle, but do not expect to hear anything from him until he returns. I am afraid Lizzle abandened the plantation and got close to Memphis. I have never had a moment's approlemsion for her safety as long as the negroes stayed on the place, and all the old settled negroes will remain inspite of inducements "to fee to freedom." Austin has been most faithful and has discharged many duties never before entrusted to a negro. He goes into the Federal lines at pleasure and returns with just such supplies as we most need, but he thinks it a great display of stupidity to expose himself when shot, shell and minnie balls are whistling close about.

ABOUT TO MARCH.

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Well, we are jubilant over our orders just received to limber up and move out at once under the escent of a guide sent us, All is now bustle at the result of the buggle call, and we shall be gone in forty minutes. The prospect is for an all night march in mud, with jaded horses, but the desire to get in touch with the main army puts us all on springs.

Now, I am going to give you some sage advice, which may not be necessary, but some premention warms me to offer it. After this war you will find that every home will have a widow. A broken hearted widow, without a dollar, is worth nothing commercially or socially, and so if there should be any possibility of a chance for you to be decoyed into this unblissful state run from the temptation. And, now, in conclusion, if this should prove my last ohit-chat with my dear sister, let her be comforted in the conviction that her brother's last and supreme snortice was for his Southland in general and Virginia in particular, God bless my sister, and may He always keep her in the helicw of His hand.

Lovingly your brother, HENRY M. DILLARD,
Major Third Bettalion, Regular Artillery, Confederate States Army.

The Sword of Lee.

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Editor of The Times-Dispatch;
In comparing the copy of "The Sword of Robert Lee" in last Sunday's paper with one I have, I notice one verse was omitted, and as it is too beautiful for any to be left out, I send copy of the whole. Hope it may reach the eye of J. C. P.

THE SWORD OF ROBERT LEE, Forth from bright, Flashed the sword of Lee!

Finshed the sword of Lee!
For in front of the dendly fight,
High o'er the brave in the cause of right,
Its stainless sheen, like a meacon light,
Led us to victory.

Out of its scabbard, where, full long,
Its slumbered peacefully.
Roused from its rest by the battle's song.
Shielding the feeble, smiting the strong,
Guarding the right, avenging the wrong,
Gleamed the sword of Lee.

Forth from its scabbard, high in air, Beneath Virginia's sky. Beneath Virginia's sky,
And they who saw it gleaming there,
And knew who bore it, knelt to swear,
That where that sword led they would

Editor of The Times-Dispatch Should any ordinary man be addressed as "Mr.'? If not, please state why.

Yes; that is the usual practice.

To Restore Polish on an Oak Trble. Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Is there anything that will restore polish of an oak table that has been blis-

Marion, Ala. J. W. D. The table should be revernished by repairer of furniture.

The Oldest Churches.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Please publish three of the oldest churches in Virginia, giving denominations, location and date built; and also the same information as to the oldest

Let some Times-Dispatch reader answer this for us.

To Remove Chalk Marks From Brick

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Please state the bost way for removing chalk marks from a pressed brick wall, such as are made by school children. Also the best way to remove stains on walls caused from water running off window sills,etc., and oblige.

"I, B, B."

than assiduous rubbing with wet and dry

Matters of Pronunciation.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Will you please prenounce the word
"mascot," and also the name of the Queen of Holland?

A SUBSCRIBER. Mascot is pronounced mas' cot-accent

on the second syllable. East Lexington, Va.

It is difficult to indicate the peculiar pronunciation of Wilhelmina. The Dutch vowels like all "European" vowels, are o, co. The Tautonie W is pronounced

like v, the h is almost silent. Thus Wilhelmina will be spoken like Veal-allmeen-ah, with accent on the een. Anglaist

Cost of the Legislature.

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Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

(1) Please publish approximately at least the cost per diem of running the Legislature; (2) The actual cost of compiling the Code of 1887; (3) the probable duration of the term of the Legislature now in season, This information will be a matter of interest to the tax-payers of the State.

The daily cost of the present General Assembly, that is the per diem of the

Assembly, that is the per dlem of the members, officers, clerks, pages and janitors, is \$715.41. This does not include the cost of printing, stationery and other ne-

cessary expenses, The cost of the Code revision of 1837 The cost of the Code rovision of 1857 amounted to the sum of \$30,419.05.

A joint resolution has been adopted, providing for an adjournment from the 15th of May to the 16th of November and it further provides for a Committee of Revision to sit during the recess, the cost of which will not exceed \$7,500. It is supposed that when the General Assembly reconvenes November 16th, it will finish its work by the holidays.

Discount and Interest.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch: I send you for solution two examples from Venable's New Practical Arithmetic

able to solve.

Ex. 58—What rate of Interest is paid when a note payable in thirty days is discounted at a bank at 6 per cent.?

Ex. 62—What rate of interest does a bank receive for discounting a note payable in one year, the rate of discount being 5 per cent.?

In working out the answers please indicate the control of the control of

(1) Rate of interest is $\frac{865}{88} \times (8.0055 +$

\$.9945) -- .00 \frac{698}{5967} Ans.

(9) Discount on \$1 for 365 + 3 = 368 days = \$.0005

Grost = 308 (\$.0005 + \$.9005)



ham. Also, is the pronoun none, when used as subject, singular or plural in English? TEACHER.

For the story of Lucretin's Girdle sec No. VI, of "The Bee," in Goldsmith, We would that the reference to Pelham had would that the reserves to remain the been more particular. We do not know our Bulwor as we ought, and hence cannot speak with certainty, but we incline to think that Teacher has inadvertently oredited "The Adventures of a Gentleman" with matter which it does not contain.

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"None" is "not one" (no one), and, in strictness, ought to be used always as a singular, just as "nothing" is. Some of the grammars are utterly at fault in the treatment of this word, declaring that it is always pival, and others are little more helpful, because they full to state the proper use and to suggest bow the improper one came into vogue. When the predicate is separated from the subject, none, by some plural word, or where there is a confusion between "none, is" and "all are not," we are about as likely to find "none" used plural as eingularments of our friends were at home, &c. But Dryden, with two confusing plurals in sight, writes "None but the brave deserves the falr." Compass Shakespoire. "Who dares do more is none;" Macaulay. "Then none was for a party" &c.

It often occurs that the improper use with "none" may be explained by circumstances. In the common quotation from "The Beauty in the Country!" Where none admire, 'ils useless to exect, Where none are beaux, 'ils vain to be a belle,

rerse are better with the plural, and the first verse naturally takes the same form. But occasionally we meet with cases that would seem to convict the writers of carolessness. One of our greatest authors uses here two forms not an inch aparti: "None was thought more worting," &c. and "None, however happy, are exempt;" &c.

United Capitals.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch: A B C and D unite their capital in the proportion of 5, 7, 9, 11, At the end of six months B doubles this capital and at the end of twelve months they divide a profit of \$42,600. What should each man

A's \$49000 × 420 125 425 - \$12000, B's \$42600 X O's \$42600 × \frac{108}{426} - \$10900. 189 D's \$42600 X 426 A. 13. 14 A's 6 × 4 - 24, B's 4 × 9 - 30, B × 5 - 15 C's 3 × 9 - 27.

89 89 + 88 + 97 - 109. 109 O's \$1420 × ____ or ___

What is Colonial Architecture?

What especial features of archite kind of columns are requisite? style of porch and building gen There seem so many ideas being tained about this that I would be instructed. I have no other in wishing to know. B. V

land, which is nothing more nor less than English "Renaissance," Therefore, as eral family or the "renalssance" styles, its details, such as cornices, columns mouldings, etc., are more or less med forms of the same features in Clack (usually the Roman) Architecture. The English buildings that were the immediate prototypes of the Colonial in

end of four months A withdraws 1-2 of his capital and at the end of nine months What should each man receive?

Old Church, Va. (1) A's 5 × 12 - 60; B's 7 × 6 - 40 14 × 6 - 84 O's 9 × 19 -108; D's 11 × 10 - 109 60 + 120 + 108 + 182 - 420

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Value of real seate cyred by the company the first lims on the fee simple) upon 1,285,180 00 the test dig on all said moregany loss, \$7,000.75 indeed accrued thereon. 10,500 as 1,000 as collateral). ARETTA Total par and market value and amount loaned thereon. \$10,800 \$23,800
Cash in the company's principal office.
Cash belonging to the company in bank.
There are no selected on other assets.
The and accrued on other assets.
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The months due.
The months due.
All other property belonging to the company.
All other property belonging to the company.

Aggregate amount of all assets of the company, stated at their actual value. Iross claims for adjusted and unpaid losses due and to become due..... \$ 15,734 IS
Gross losses in process of adjustment, or in suspense, including all reported and supposed lossed.

Losses resisted, including interest, costs and other expenses thereon.... 1000 60

Not cash neturally received for premiums, carried out..... \$450,800 12 \$ 815,786 05 \$1,272,897 07 Received for interest and dividends on stocks and bunds, collateral loams, and from

Net amount paid during the year for losses. \$314.877 01 \$556,125 04 \$ Cash dividends actually paid stockholders during the year.

Paid for commission or brokerage.

Paid for salaries, foss, or other charges of officers, clarks, agents and all other employes.

Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States.

All other payments, and expendiures.